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THE GEORGE-ANNE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006

MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Democrats' Day



Chuck Kennedy/MCT

"Impeachment is off the table,"

she declared, spiking one dream

that many liberal activists cher-

ished. "Democrats are not about

getting even . . . This election is about the future, not about the

Pelosi's great challenge is to

keep her party's liberal and more

conservative wings united behind

achievements that win the respect

of voters in the presidential elec-

tion year 2008, especially the

great centrist bloc that abandoned

Republicans across the country

Tuesday. If Democrats pursue an

excessively partisan agenda over the

next two years, President Bush can

block them with his veto, and cen-

trist swing voters could be repelled

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Republicans."

House of Representatives Minority Leader and soon-to-be Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), center, joins hands with fellow Democrats during an election night celebration at a Washington hotel in Washington, D.C., Tuesday.

By M.T. Talev and William Douglas

Nancy Pelosi, who's expected

to be the next speaker of the U.S.

House of Representatives, signaled

Wednesday that she intends to steer

a centrist course and work across

party lines with President Bush to

shape policy on Iraq, energy, Social

party's return to the House majority

after a dozen years in exile occurred

largely because at least nine fairly

conservative "Blue Dog" Democrats

won Republican seats. The liberal-

tilting House Democratic caucus

must accommodate them - and

the centrist voters they represent

she conceded.

Pelosi acknowledged that her

Security and immigration.

McClatchy Newspapers

Pelosi wants to be

bi-partisan speaker

HOUSE POWER

majority (232-203) Wednesday with several seats still undecided.

SENATE POWER

Democrats seemed of the Senate (51-49) with upset, but and Virginia.

RUMSFELD

The controversial defense secretary

WOMAN

Nancy Pelosi, who of the house.

BUSH

Political pundits say changes at the **Defense Department** signal that Bush may be ready to change his stance on Iraq policy.

Almost 79 million people voted in Tuesday's election, with Democrats drawing more support than Republicans for the first time in a midterm election since 1990.

Democrats had a solid

poised to take control close, wins in Missouri

RESIGNS

announced he would step down Wednesday. His replacement is Robert Gates.

SPEAKER

became a lightning rod of controversy during the election, is set to become the first female speaker

CHANGES

HIGH TURNOUT

CENTENNIAL 1906-2006

Band questioned G-A ethics with musical lashing

By Casey Altman Sr. staff writer

The Eagles' Fight Song was written and performed for the first time by the Georgia Southern College marching band in 1982, the year that Coach Erk Russell resurrected the Eagle football program.

While Russell was preparing the Eagles for their first flight, another man, Jerold Michelson, was preparing the marching band to do what it does best, fill the fans with team

Professor Matt Fallin has been here from the beginning. He was a freshman in the first GSC marching band and is currently the band's director. He has been involved in the band for the past 24 years. He was only away from GSU while he was in graduate school. He was hired to work with the band again in 1991.

According to Fallin, he spent the summer before he came back to the program working with Daniel Pittman via phone and fax to develop the band's current name and logo.

"By the fall of 1991, the band had a name that reflected the heart

In Appreciation... Listen to the fight song on our Web site: www.gadaily.com.

and soul of GSU football, 'Southern Pride," Fallin said.

After deciding on the band name and logo it was time to give the band a makeover. According to Fallin, former GSU President Nicholas Henry volunteered to help design the new uniforms. The uniforms Southern Pride wears today are modified versions of the same design.

see BAND, p. 3A



Silver and brass bells reflect light from the stadium flood lights at Paulson Stadium last fall during a Saturday game.

Southern Pride hold CD sales fund raiser

By Robert Greene II

Staff Writer

The Southern Pride Marching Band calls itself on its website "one of the finest marching bands in the Southeast." This weekend, they will travel to Furman with the football team to prove this claim with their signature sound.

But you don't have to travel to experience the music of the Southern Pride marching band. Now you can take a piece of the Southern Pride sound with you wherever you go.

Members of the Southern Boosters are trying to raise money for the band so they can take trips like this weekend's trip to Furman to support the football team. By selling CDs of live band performances, Southern Pride is hoping to be able to support the football team on more road trips.

The CDs are sold before every home game at the tailgating area. Several CDs were given to band members as a memento of their time in the band. The CDs were also used as recruiting tools for prospective band members all over the country.

"We want to be able to expand, the band to 210 members, and then 250 members," said Jimmy Durrence, one of the members of Southern Boosters who personally took on the project of raising money for the marching band.

According to Durrence, the band, like all other music and arts programs across the country, have faced serious budget cuts recently.

see CD SALES, p. 3A

Democrats likely pick up both Senate, House

By Jill Zuckman

As the extent of the Democratic rout became apparent Wednesday with Republicans likely losing control of the Senate, President Bush promised to work with the new leaders of Congress and Democrats moved quickly to consolidate power and pushed for a new path in Iraq.

Barrow says 13's

the winner, vote

count of it close

r. John Barrow (D-Savannah) said

Wednesday he's the winner of Tuesday's

12th District Congressional race.

He was running

against former Geor-

gia Southern profes-

sor Max Burns. The

race was a rematch.

Barrow unseated

and Burns, said the

race is still too close

Wednesday eve-

of the votes being counted, Barrow had 50.4

percent of the vote to Burns 49.6. Barrow

see BARROW, p. 3A

ning, with 97 percent

Political watchers,

Burns in 2004.

to call.

by Adan

"I'm, obviously, disappointed with the outcome of the election, and as the head of the Republican Party, I share a large part

of the responsibility," said Bush, who described the results as "a thumpin."

"I told my party's leaders that it is now our duty to put the elections behind us and work together with the Democrats and Independents on the great issues facing this

At the top of that list is the war in Iraq, and Democratic leaders expressed a measure of conciliation towards Bush and the Republicans as they began to lay out their agenda.

This is something that we

must work together with the president," said Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), who is expected to be the next Speaker of the House, replacing Speaker Dennis Hastert

Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.), who would become the Senate majority leader assuming the Virginia race is finally called for Democrat Jim Webb, said the election confirmed Democrats' call for a change in direction, particularly on Iraq.

"Without getting into the details of what we want to do legislatively, the main point is that we

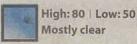
want to do things on a bi-partisanbasis," Reid said. Bush himself acknowledged

the need for some sort of change regarding the war when he fired Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. "I recognize that many Ameri-

cans voted last night to register their displeasure with the lack of progress being made," Bush said. "Yet I also believe most Ameri-

cans, and leaders here in Washington from both political parties, understand we cannot accept

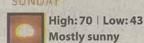
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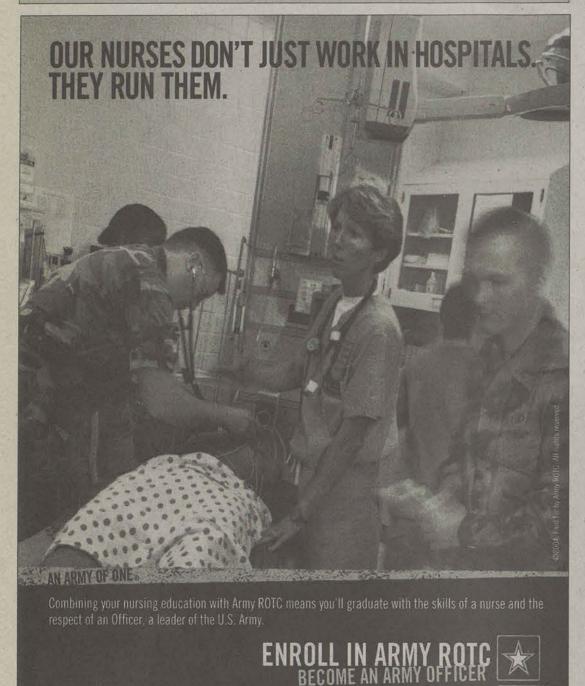


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20days (from Monday) until Dec. 1, the last day of class. Finals are scheduled for Dec. 4-7 and graduation is Dec. 8.

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International Festival kicks off

By Matthew Mannila

Staff writer

The second International Festival is coming to Mill Creek Regional Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday.

There will be belly dancers, Irish dancers, Thai dancers, a world music ensemble, a Parade of Nations and Tai Chi martial arts performances. After that, The Legends of West Africa will take the T-Mobile World Stage.

"The festival promotes crosscultural awareness by engaging the audience in international activities," said coordinator Angie Threatte from Georgia Southern's Center for International Studies.

The festival focuses on traditional dances of several cultures. "It should serve as a wonderful reminder of the cultural lineage of the African Ameri-

can community and its influence upon contemporary music and dance forms," said William A. Amponsah, director of the school of economic development.

Saba Jallow, from the Center for Africana Studies, said one group at the festival is popular worldwide. "The Legends of West Africa is internationally known," said Jallow. "The dances and acrobatic movements that they make are reflective of their cultures and are a celebration of their way of life."

The World Stage is part of a Global Village that will also include an international bazaar, international foods, international sports and games and informational booths representative of fourteen different countries. The booths to be displayed are a collaboration between local middle school and GSU Global Ambassador students.

The festival starts off GSU's International Week, spanning from Nov. 11 through 17, which will include further performances by The Legends of West Africa as well as lectures, a talent show, and more culinary experiences.

The week will culminate in the Russell Union Ballroom from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, the entire week will come together with an International Conversational Hour.

Admission to the festvial is free to the public. The festival is the result of planning from the Statesboro-Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Department, the Statesboro-Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce, Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, the city of Statesboro, Bulloch County Commissioners, Bulloch County Board of Education and GSU professors and students.

'Legends of West Africa' shared

By Jenny Miller

News editor

For three fun filled days, the Legends of West Africa teaching and performance ensemble will be on the Georgia Southern campus as part of International Week festivities.

Starting Saturday, Nov. 11 through Nov. 13, the troupe will be entertaining the GSU and local community with music, dance and even a little educational fun. The Legends of West Africa includes some of the world's leading practitioners of West African traditional dance and music.

Angie Threatte, administrator for the center for international studies got a chance to see the group perform at the International Festival in South Carolina before asking them to come

to GSU. "I was just in awe by them, their entertainment, excitement and energy, I just couldn't take my eyes off of them," she said.

The group will perform as a part of the International Festival that will take place Saturday at Mill Creek Recreational Park on Saturday, Nov. 10. Legends of West Africa have been performing for 50 years and their program is appropriate for all

"This group represents a part of the world we wanted to highlight, they are great performers and feature great music," said Joan Stalcup, the administrative coordinator at the center for international studies.

On Sunday, Nov. 12, at 3 p.m. the group will perform at the Performing Arts Center on campus. Cost for the

program is \$5 for all GSU students, faculty, staff and children under 12 years old. It will cost \$7 for everyone else. Then Monday, the group will present two school matinees, one at 9:30 a.m. and the other at 11:30 a.m.

Stalcup feels that the Legends of West Africa performance will be beneficial to GSU students.

"It is important for students to be familiar with other cultures to gain a greater perspective, branch out and learn," she said.

During the performance, the troupe will wear traditional West African clothing while playing ancient instruments as well as tell stories of village life back home.

Tickets for the show can be purchased at the PAC. For more information, call 912-486-7999.



International Week - November 11-17 "Connecting Cultures - Uniting People"

5:30-7:30 p.m.

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other people and

Saturday 10:00-4:00 p.m., International Festival at Mill Creek Park. Opening Remarks by Mayor Pro-tem Joe Brannen a

Sunday 3:00 p.m., The Legends of West Africa Matinee Performance at PAC, Cost: \$5/children (12 & under), \$7/ adults, \$5/GSU I.D.

noon

Monday 11:00-2:00 p.m., "A Diner's World Tour" at Seasons, Landrum

Cafeteria. Cost: Eagle Express \$6/plus tax Cash \$7/plus tax

7:00 p.m. Lost Boys of Sudan return to tell their story as two of the "Lost Boys of Sudan." Join them

as they share their stories. Russell Union Ballroom. Sponsored by the Multicultural Student Center

Tuesday Noon, International Luncheon. Williams Center Dining Hall. \$5 per plate to sample international foods. Advanced tickets may be purchased by calling

So the Echo." Union Theater. Filmaker

7:00 p.m., "As the Call,

Keir Moreano will be discussing his film after the showing. Sponsored by the Art Department

Wednesday Noon, "The Kite Runner"

facilitated by Dr. Joseph Barjis. Cultural Book Club Global Economy" Discussion. Russell Union presented by Dr. Kevin Rm. 2044 Sponsored by the Multicultural Student Lecture Series. Nessmith-

7:00-9:00 p.m. International Talent Show. Union Ballroom. Presented by PRestige

Thursday



Bales. Zia Hashmi

"New Slavery in the

6:00 p.m. Reception in Southern Ballroom

7:00 p.m. Lecture in Assembly Hall. Cosponsored by Campus Life Enrichment Committee

Friday 11:30-1:00 p.m., International **Conversation Hour** Union Ballroom Proclamation by the Mayor at noon. Media will be present.

Angie @ 681-0332 For more information, contact the Center for International Studies at 681-0332.

GSU students ride 'Miles for Missions'

Campus ministry to take game ball by bike from GSU to Furman

By Ellen Eklund

Staff writer

Student members of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry will carry the game ball on bikes to Furman in Greenville, SC on Nov. 9 and 10 as part of their "Miles for Missions" fundraiser. All money raised will be used as funding for Georgia Southern students to serve as missionaries during spring break and summer 2007.

Miles for Missions is a bike relay from GSU to Furman where students sign up to ride a bike a certain amount of miles for a period of the trip. No one is required to ride the entire way. Everyone is welcome to participate and students who sign up can ride as individuals, but are required to collect \$50 in pledges. Another option for students is to form their own groups, where each member rides 25 miles and that group collects \$100 in pledges.

Coach Van Gorder will be at the BCM at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9 to send off the BCM riders. BCM students will ride through Sweetheart Circle on their way out of town. Students will bike between 100 and 125 miles on Thursday; however, bike riders will be changing out at certain points along the route. On Friday, students will bike the rest of the way to Furman University. The group or individual who raises the most pledges will carry the game ball the last part of the relay on Friday.

"Donations can be made to the BCM Student Missions Fundor can be donated as a pledge toward a particular student," said Donna Blackburn, associate campus minister for the BCM. "We are also taking donations from businesses from \$50 to \$1000 for the back of the shirt. An advertisement will be put on the back of the shirt for those businesses."

The trip will be led by Todd Deal, professor of chemistry here at GSU. Deal serves as Faculty Advisor to the BCM and as a volunteer campus minister working with the Discipleship Council. Deal is a native of Statesboro

and did his undergraduate work in chemistry at GSU and earned a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Ohio State University. He has been a professor here for 15 years, been a member of the Southern Cyclists for five years and has also participated in the Bike Ride Across Georgia tour twice.

"This year the ride will be a relay much like the Olympic torch relay, but instead of a torch, we are carrying the official game ball," said Deal.

Miles for Missions is only one of several fundraisers planned and organized by BCM students to help fund college volunteers as spring break and summer missionaries. Sarah Brannan, BCM missionary last summer, served in Yellowstone National Park from May 25 to Aug. 1. Her work included housekeeping in one of the park's hotels during the day and leading Bible studies in the evening in order to build friendships with other staff members. Brannan also got to experience the hiking and backpacking adventures the park offered to its visitors.

If students are unable to make the ride, there are other ways to participate in Miles for Missions. Volunteers are needed to help with ride support including driving support vehicles, preparing food for the riders and helping with details the days of the ride. If students want to ride, but they cannot leave at the same time as the starting group, they can catch up at a stopping point. Students can choose when they want to ride, either Thursday or Friday, and join the rest of the group.

This is the second Miles for Missions fundraiser conducted by the BCM. In 2004, the BCM biked to Athens for the University of Georgia game against GSU. GSU members of the BCM delivered the game ball at Sanford stadium and received \$3,000

The BCM is located on the corner of Harvey Dr. and Chandler Rd. across from Johnson Hall. For more information, call 912-681-2241 or to be a rider, sign up on the Miles for Missions banner in the BCM lobby.

Abstinence is the Key

Abstinence Week at Georgia Southern University November 6 - 9, 2006

If You Only Knew... Monday, Nov. 6, 10 am - 1 pm

Russell Union Commons

Stop by the table and learn about the events that are planned for the week. The Health Education Peer Educators will also be there to promote the benefits of abstinence.

> Safe Sex vs. Abstinence Tuesday, Nov. 7, 7 pm Russell Union 2048

The issues of "safe sex" versus abstinence will be candidly discussed. Kenya Beard, a GSU graduate and abstinence educator from the Medical College of Georgia will be here to answer questions and clear up myths.

Everybody's Doing it Right? Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7 pm IT Auditorium 1004

Is it possible to look hot, be fly and still have your V-Card? Jason and Joshua Rogers are D.L.V.F.U.-"Don't Let the Virgin Fool You." Jason and Josh will use

their talent of speaking and rapping to promote the message of abstinence.

"40 Days and 40 Nights" Thursday, Nov. 9, 7 pm Russell Union Room TBA

Join us for this comedy that chronicles a young man that decides to observe Lent by abstaining from sexual activity. In the mean while, his ex is wants him back and he meets the girl of his dreams.

Durrence also said that the Boosters want to work on ways to keep members in the band as long as possible.

The CDs are made by recording live performances during the games, said Professor Mark Fallin of the music department, who is also the associate director of bands at GSU.

"Our purpose is to record from the last two years," said Fallin. The current CD has songs from 2004 to 2005 performances.

If you want to help the band out and also sample some of their music, there will be CDs available at the last homegame of the season, next Saturday against Central Arkansas.

The CDs cost \$10, and are sold along with Southern Pride caps and other memorabilia.

Rumsfeld departure signals change

McClatchy Tribune

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld resigned Wednesday withinhoursofastunning Republican setback in nationwide midterm elections, avote that became a referendum on President Bush's strategy for the war in Iraq and on Rumsfeld's stormy stewardship of the Rumsfeld Pentagon.

Bush announced Rumsfeld's departure during a press conference, stating that he had nominated former CIA Director Robert Gates as his next secretary was the clearest signal yet that Bush

later in the Oval Office of the White House to discuss the changing of the guard.

While Bush explained his decision as a need to put "fresh eyes" on his Iraq policy, it came after voters Tuesday turned over control of the House to Democrats, who had made the military stalemate in Iraq a campaign priority. The Senate may fall to Democratic hands

as well, pending the outcome of a close race in Virginia.

Rumsfeld's sudden departure

of defense. All three men convened may soon make a dramatic shift in his Iraq war strategy.

Rumsfeld, the Pentagon chief since Bush took office in January 2001, was viewed as the key architect of the 2003 military invasion of Iraq, and in more recent times the public face of the failures there. His ouster could both embolden the military, with which he was often at odds, and those who have pressed for solutions that Rumsfeld strongly opposed, such as a partitioning of Iraq.

Rumsfeld's primary strategy of having U.S. troops train Iraqi military and police units to take over security in Iraq was viewed by critics as progressing slowly and poorly managed.

Barrow

led Burns by 1,077 votes.

Georgia laws allows for a recount of any election that is within 1 percentage point.

Burns wouldn't concede the race would be a recount. That didn't stop Barrow from moving ahead.

"I think you can stick a fork in to concede. this election. It is done," a grinning Barrow told reporters at a mid-day news conference in downtown Savannah.

A Burns spokesman said the declaration was "absolutely inappropriate."

"We have a lot of votes all over the district that haven't been tallied," said John Stone, a spokesman. "It looks very positive for us."

The Burns-Barrow rematch was strikingly similar to another Congressional race just to the west. Rep. Jim Marshall (D-Macon) was being challenged by former Congressman Mac Collins.

With 99 percent of the votes being counted there, the Associ-Wednesday, saying he thought there ated Press had named Marshall the winner.

Similarly, Collins wasn't ready

With 99 percent of the precincts reporting, Marshall led by only 1,682 votes in middle Georgia's 8th District.

But one of the outstanding precincts was in Bibb County, which has strongly favored Marshall and includes his hometown of Macon, where he was mayor.

"It is unique and has spawned a

In 1998, Southern Pride came under fire from George-Anne sports

According to Student Media Director Bill Neville, Davis said the fight song was not as classic or as inspiring

"He offended a large number of

President Bush faces fateful new

choices. With his party's loss of

the House, experts said Bush must

fundamentally alter the way he ap-

proaches Congress for any hope of

salvaging his own "aggressive" agenda

Nancy Pelosi, the next speaker of

the U.S. House of Representatives,

signaled Wednesday that she will try

to work with President Bush and steer

One big challenge she must resolve:

Long lines, balky new voting

machines and confusion over proper

identification frustrated voters in

scattered precincts across the country Tuesday as the nation worked out

How will she run her majority? The respect.

ELECTION ANALYSIS

Bush must alter approach

for the remaining two years of his oversight and challenging the course

NATIONAL POLITICS

Pelosi to work with Bush

NATIONAL NEWS

First electronic election glitchy

presidency.

students in the band," Neville said.

According to music professor Michael Braz, the column basically

The band responded to Davis in a way that only a marching band

"Rather than marching in the displayed in their product booths editor's office with pitchforks, we decided to come up with a letter to

> Braz composed the letter and met with several members of the band late one night in a teaching studio in the Foy Fine Arts Building to record the

musical letter to the editor the George-

Anne has ever received.

"The band works extraordinarily hard," said Braz. "Most people don't realize how much they put into per-

According to Fallin, the band has become much more consistent in numbers in the past several years. About eight years ago, the band had nearly 200 members and the number has stayed about the same ever since.

He also said that the musicians in

here," he said.

is the "Hey!" cheer. Fallin said some people think that the song encourages students to curse.

"We have been asked not to play it by some people," he said. However, many people request the song. He said the students will start the cheer even without the band so he has the band play along to tone down the words for the people that it may offend.

"It is the one thing we play that people respond to the most. The purpose of playing the song is to get the team and the fans fired up, not to get people to curse," Fallin said.

Listen out for Southern Pride at Paulson, Nov. 18, when the Eagles take on Central Arkansas.

Pelosi

by Democratic partisanship just as they apparently were by Republicans - Expanding stem cell research.

cisco liberal who'll be the first female pharmaceutical companies for House speaker in history, used her Medicare and Medicaid beneficiafirst post-election news conference ries. to quell speculation about how • Reducing college loan rates. she intends to govern her fractious • Tightening lobbying restrictions.

Even as she pledged bipartisanship however, she challenged Bush Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsto "signal an openness to new, fresh feld, a move that, as it turned out, the ideas," especially on Iraq, by dumping president announced an hour later.

Pelosi talked about Democrats' agenda. Here are some of their priorities:

- · Raising the minimum wage.
- Repealing oil company subsidies.
- · Allowing the federal government Pelosi, a 66-year-old San Fran- to negotiate lower prices from

 - Adopting the 9-11 commission's anti-terrorism recommendations.

Band

variety of similar uniform designs by the DeMoulin Uniform Company, said Fallin. "Our uniform has been across the country."

editor Mike Davis.

as some other teams' fight songs.

McClatchy Newspapers

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a centrist course.

McClatchy Newspapers

put down the fight song.

the editor," he said.

letter to the music of the Fight Song.

According to Neville it is the only

And with criticism of his conduct

with the war in Iraq mounting even

within his own party, Bush and his

embattled secretary of defense, Don-

ald Rumsfeld, are likely to confront

searing congressional hearings led

by Democrats intent on exerting new

new House Democratic majority is built on new members elected from

Pelosi must harness traditional

House Democratic liberals and the

new more-conservative members

that gave the party its majority and

drive them in a direction that voters

the kinks of its first largely electronic

of the voting problems reflected poor

management by state election officials more than politically motivated

But election observers said most

centrist and conservative districts.

general are better. "They know more before they get

According to Fallin the most controversial thing with the band today



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

interference.

Campaign roundup

• In her joyful 2004 autobiography, Sandy Sullivan, 65, the Republican candidate for secretary of state in Wisconsin, recalls her friskier days as a 1960s Green Bay Packers fan, including interludes with Hall of Fame running back

• Donovan Brown, the Democratic nominee for a Florida state House seat, resumed campaigning in October after a two-week involuntary stay at a mental health facility after his mother took him in for evaluation.

Addictions and compulsions

 A September episode of the periodic NBC "Dateline" stings of online child sex predators, in Long Beach, Calif., turned up 38 arrestees, including one who is apparently beyond embarrassment, since he had already been busted once by "Dateline."

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Men's 2006-07 Schedule

Mens 2000-07 Schedule											
	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME								
	11/12/06	at Duke CBE Classic	6 p.m.								
	11/13/06	at Duke CBE Classic	TBA								
	11/17/06	at Illinois	8 p.m.								
	11/25/06	Winston-Salem St.	7:30 p.m.								
	11/27/06	at Mercer	7 p.m.								
	12/02/06	at Winstom-Salem St.	2:30 p.m.								
	12/08/06	at Drake Challenge	6 p.m.								
	12/09/06	at Drake Challenge	TBA								
	12/12/06	Flagler	7:30 p.m.								
	12/16/06	at Appalachian St.	3:30 p.m.								
	12/19/06	at Clemson	7:30 p.m.								
	12/30/06	UNC-Greensboro	3:30 p.m.								
	01/02/07	Pikeville .	7:30 p.m.								
	01/06/07	Furman	7:30 p.m.								
	01/08/07	Wofford	7:30 p.m.								
	01/10/07	at Chattanooga	7 p.m.								
	01/13/07	at the Citadel	2 p.m.								
	01/15/07	at College of Charleston	7 p.m.								
	01/23/07	Davidson	7:30 p.m.								
	01/27/07	at Elon	7 p.m.								
	01/29/07	UNC-Greensboro	7:30 p.m.								
	02/03/07	Chattanooga	3:30 p.m.								
	02/05/07	Appalachian St.	7:30 p.m.								
	02/10/07	at Western Carolina	4 p.m.								
	02/12/07	at Furman	7 p.m.								
	02/15/07	Elon	7:30 p.m.								
	02/19/07	the Citadel	7:30 p.m.								
	02/22/07	at Wofford	7:30 p.m.								
	02/24/07	College of Charleston	1 p.m.								
	02/28/07	at SoCon Tournament	TBA								
	03/02/07	at SoCon Tournament	TBA								
	03/03/07	at SoCon Tournament	TBA								

SoCon Preseason Poll NORTH DIVISION

SOUTH DIVISION 1. Coll. of Charleston

6. The Citadel

1. UNC-Greensboro 4. Davidson 5. Wofford

Dontaye Draper Josh Jackson

Kyle Hines Ricky Hickman D.J. Thompson Chris Chalko

Preseason All-SoCon Team College of Charleston College of Charleston

> **UNC-Greensboro UNC-Greenshoro**

Women's 2006-07 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
11/12/06	Stetson	5 p.m.
11/15/06	at Jacksonville St.	7 p.m.
11/18/06	at Image Depot Shootout	12 p.m.
11/19/06	at Image Depot Shootout	2 p.m.
11/21/06	Georgia	7 p.m.
11/24/06	AmeriSultes Tournament	10 p.m.
11/25/06	AmeriSuites Tournament	TBA
11/28/06	South Alabama	7 p.m.
12/01/06	at Central Florida	7 p.m.
12/13/06	Jacksonville	7 p.m.
12/16/06	College of Charleston	5 p.m.
12/21/06	Troy	7 p.m.
12/30/06	Furman	1 p.m.
01/02/07	Wofford	5 p.m.
01/06/07	at Elon	7 p.m.
01/08/07	at UNC-Greensboro	7 p.m.
01/13/07	Davidson	5 p.m.
01/15/07	Western Carolina	7 p.m.
01/20/07	Appalachian St.	5 p.m.
01/22/07	at Chattanooga	7 p.m.
01/27/07	at Furman	3 p.m.
01/29/07	at Wofford	7 p.m.
02/03/07	Elon	1 p.m.
02/05/07	UNC-Greensboro	5 p.m.
02/10/07	at Davidson	2 p.m.
02/12/07	at Western Carolina	5 p.m.
02/14/07	at Appalachian St.	4:30 p.m.
02/19/07	Chattanooga	5 p.m.
02/24/07	at College of Charleston	2 p.m.
02/27/07	at SoCon Tournament	TBA

SoCon Preseason Poll

1. UNC-Greensboro 6. Coll. of Charleston 2. Chattanooga 3. Davidson 4. Western Carolina

7. Furman 8. Appalach

Western Carolina

Preseason All-SoCon Team

Kristen Boone Jasmine Byrd Alex Anderson Laura Hall Katie Hamilton

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in three of the last five seasons - 2006 Southern Conference Champs Ranked first or second in scoring in the Southern Conference in six of the

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- 2006 Southern Conference 'South Division Title

- 2004 Southern Conference 'South' Division Title 2002 Southern Conference 'South'

Division Title NCAA "March Madness" Tournament Appearances 1983, 1987, 1992

Men look to build on last season's success

By Mike Anthony Staff writer

After last year's first postseason tournament in 14 years, the Georgia Southern men's basketball team is preparing to begin the 2006-07 season. The team will return games last year.

The most challenging task for Head Coach Jeff Price and his team will be replacing last year's leading scorer and honorable mention All-American, Elton Nesbit, who was the team's unquestioned leader on the court.

Price was hopeful that those returning will be more than able to handle the pressure. At the annual tip-off dinner Tuesday, he said "Dante Gennie, Louis Graham and Dwayne Foreman were all big for us last year and I'm really looking Photo illustration by Grayson Hof

this time around."

There are several larger players that were added to the lineup during the off season. Junior college transfers, Ryan Hines (6'8") and Matt Fields (6'7") look to make an immediate impact while freshmen three starters from a squad that won 20 - Krzysztof Janiszewski (6'11") and Jared Collins (6'8") figure to press their more seasoned teammates for playing time.

> Also returning to the lineup this season is Anthony Marshall. His athleticism and big-play ability was evident during his freshman season two years ago, but he was forced to sit out all of last season after tearing his ACL during the first practice of the year. His return to the team this season should help Foreman, Gennie, and Jimmy Tobias in a very talented GSU

Price discussed the team's appreciation

forward to them leading the way for us for the turnout at Hanner Fieldhouse over the last few years.

"When I first got here," said Price, "GSU ranked 11th in the league in attendance. Now I look up during games like Davidson last year and see over 4,000 people cheering

He said the team's success at home is due in part to the increased attendance.

"It's too bad that we can't get any bigger names to come to Hanner, but that just shows how far we've come. We've won 35 of our last 37 home games and teams don't want any part of Hanner Fieldhouse,"

The Eagles travel to Durham, N.C. Sunday for their opening game vs. UC-Davis. The game will air on ESPN-U. If the Eagles win that matchup, they will likely square off against the nationally-ranked Duke Blue Devils Monday.

Lady Eagles at full strength

Mike Anthony

Staff writer

The Georgia Southern women's basketball te in is ready to hit the ground running this season. This should be quite a change of pace considering all the limping they endured last year. After a season that saw injuries to key starters, 11 surgeries and seven players benched, the Lady Eagles are back at full strength and ready to take flight.

The young team does not have any seniors on the roster, but does not expect to be slowed down by inexperience.

At Tuesday's basketball tip-off dinner, head coach Rusty Cram discussed what the team has been up to through the first few weeks of practice.

"Right now, we're all still trying to mesh. We have a bunch of new faces and we're all trying to get on the same page. Last year was tough in that we figured to make a run. We started off with some big wins, but then ran into a bunch of injuries and could never get back from it," said Cram.

"The good thing about last year though, is that because of the injuries to our starters, we got some of the younger girls some valuable experience. Hopefully

that will put them in a better position to step up this season."

The team will be counting on the players returning from last season to provide early leadership. Ashley Melson and Ashley Rivens were two of the few players to make it through last season uninjured. The two guards are vying for starting positions and Cram will be expecting them to set an example of the intensity that he expects from his players.

Junior Tiffany Brown looks to provide her explosive abilities while on the court. The lightning-quick guard constantly came up with big plays during her freshman year, and in the Southern Conference tournament final in 2005, she carried the Lady Eagles to within two points of the NCAA tournament.

GSU fans will likely be seeing double this season as identical twins Elise and Carolyn Whitney will be suiting up this

"They'll be two of the smallest ones on the court this season," said Cram of the 5'7" sisters, "but they're going to get after you. They play at a very high level and are fun to watch."

The Lady Eagles kick off their season this Sunday at 5 p.m. as they take on Stetson at Hanner Fieldhouse.



Head Coach Rusty Cram

1993 and 1994

Two-time Southern Conference Coach of the Year in 1998

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-Two Southern Conference tournament championships in



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(4:15), 7:00, 9:30 Flicka

(4:15), 7:00, 9:30 Flags of Our Fathers (4:10), 7:00, 9:55 The Prestige (4:20), 7:10, 10:00

Man of the Year (4:30), 7:10, 9:45 The Marine (4:00), 10:00

The Grudge 2 Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (5:25), 7:30, 9:35

The Departed (4:00), 7:00, 7:00, 10:05 Open Season (4:15), 7:10, 9:40

Facing the Giants (4:20), 7:15, 9:35

Parenthesis denotes matinee



Statesboro band "Achilles' Downfall" will be opening on Saturday, November 11, at Apex for the "Rock in the Boro" show. Starting at 8 p.m., the show will feature four bands from Georgia. The members of "Achilles' Downfall" are Drew Smith as lead singer, Jon Moore and Walt Shuman on guitar, Khreston Edenfield on bass and Phillip Clements on drums.

Local bands hit the stage

Apex sponsors Rock in the Boro with four local bands

Reflector editor

this Saturday at the Apex. The unofficially named "Rock in the 'Boro" show will feature four bands from around Georgia, opening with "Achilles' Downfall," a progressive rock band from Statesboro.

Following "Achilles' Downfall," the punk band "Save It For Sunday" from Bainbridge will take the stage. Then "Dora Maar" from Hinesville and "The Silent Escape" from Atlanta, both emo

bands, will wrap the show up. Eccentric Energy Entertainment, the promotions group that has orga-

nized this concert, wants to continue hub for music and give the bands expoto bring live rock to the 'Boro.

"We felt like Statesboro would be Rock and roll is back in Statesboro a great launch pad for local music. We want to exploit that," said Georgia Southern student Jessica Richard, the Eccentric Energy Entertainment advertising representative.

Eccentric Energy Entertainment founder and GSU student Matt Vigliotti, plans to bring more bands to Statesboro from all genres, like Jam bands, Indie, Powerpop, Alternative, Emo and Post-hardcore.

"I love the local music scene. I enjoy being a part of something being created from nothing," Vigliotti said. "My goal is to make Statesboro the southeastern

sure and the opportunities to perform with other bands that have established themselves."

The show starts at 8 p.m., but the doors will open at 7 p.m. There will be a \$6 cover. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance.

For early tickets, contact Matt Vigliotti or Jessica Richard at http:// www.myspace.com/apexroxxx or on the Facebook group Statesboro Rock-

Local bands that are interesting in performing in Statesboro should also contact Matt Vigliotti at the address above. Your band could become the next local legend.

Rock in the 'Boro Lineup

Opening Act Achilles' Downfall Type: Progressive rock

Sounds like: Staind Website: www.myspace.com/achillesdownfall

> Second Act Dora Maar

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GSU hosts Georgia Collegiate Flag Football Championship

By MJ Trahan

Staff Writer

If you're a sports fan, participate in intramurals, or looking for some great games to watch, then stick around this weekend as Georgia Southern hosts the Georgia Collegiate Flag Football Championships (GCFFC) Friday, Nov. 10-Sunday, Nov. 12 at the RAC Multiplex Fields.

Teams and officials from 21 state institutions will be heading to Statesboro on Friday to begin the annual tournament. GSU is extremely fortunate to host a tournament of such magnitude, and hopes to be represented well as 9 GSU flag football teams are entered to participate including defending men's state champs, The Wreck.

"This is an opportunity to see the best teams in the state of Georgia compete against each other. Some may even go on to

And the teams really appreciate all the support from the people who come and watch," said Matt Rice, co-tournament coordinator and graduate assistant. "It's a great accomplishment to have made it

Three divisions are being represented in the GCFFC. Men's, Women's and Co-Rec leagues will play for state titles in each

Tournament play will begin on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. The 53 teams participating will be split into pools of 3 or 4 and play the teams in their pools. Of the 3-team pools, the top two teams will advance. The top three will advance from the 4-team pools. Saturday night, single elimination play will begin and continue until the championship games

But let's not forget the guys and gals in stripes! The tourna-

become the best in the nation. ment has staffed 36 of the state's best officials from 8 Georgia colleges and universities to officiate this weekend's tournament. It's not all fun and games for them, though. Every official present at the tournament is being evaluated by professionals from different state institutions. The top four will be selected to referee at the National Collegiate Flag Football Tournament in Dallas, Texas in January 2007.

"We've had a lot of success from GSU in the state championships for the past few years. We've had teams from all three divisions go to the National Championships, and we also have 4 All-American officials on our officials' staff," said Kelly Danison, co-tournament coordinator and graduate assistant.

For more information, contact Sarah Fain at 681-5436 or visit www.georgiasouthern.edu/ser-



Teams compete in last year's Georgia Collegiate Flag Football Championship.

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THE BOTTOM By NICK ABNEY

Earlier every year

It's just the beginning of November and already corporate America is reminding us that Christmas is

Actually, Christmas is still a month and a half away.

That's really not that close at all. It's closer than January 1, but still a good bit away. Wal-Mart and Kmart are circulating flyers and sales papers already showing what they'll have for their lineups this year. Sure, preparation is good, but it just seems that

every year Christmas shopping and decoration are being pushed back further into the year.

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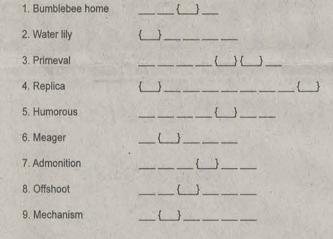
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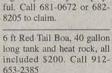
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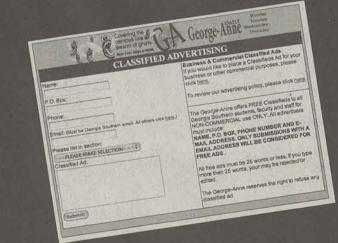
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MUSIC REVIEW

New 'My Chemical Romance' album dissolves barriers



'My Chemical Romance' is more than just their music. Much of their presentation is visual as well as musical.

By Edgar Fernandez Staff writer

My Chemical Romance released their second album "Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge" in 2004, but it wasn't until a year later that the band gained mainstream notoriety. Many people, myself included attribute this to their music video for their song "Helena." It featured, among many things, the band members in fashionable black suits, red ties and plenty of make-up. It really says something when the fashion and cinematography of a music video comes first with the actual music adistant second.

The bands music is decent, blending classic rock and punk with emo. Their third album, "The Black Parade" is even more ambitious than their former two. For starters, this concept album has a marching band theme. This band could make janitors seem emo. Thankfully, the album uses no

rather seems to draw inspiration from Queen, glam-rock and the early 20th

The album starts with "The End," which does not follow the usual pattern of MCR's songs. This changes quickly with the next couple songs, including "Dead!" and "The Sharpest Lives," which bring the fast-paced sing-along quality back to the album. From there the album takes another turn with their first single "Welcome to the Black Parade," which starts as a ballad and gives singer Gerard a chance to show his vocal range. The piano is soon charged with guitar riffs and a much faster chorus making the song work.

Of course, the least successful songs were mostly slow-paced, acoustic-heavy, filled with silly lyrics and pretty much unoriginal emo songs. The list included "Cancer," which fictionalizes the disease, "Disenchanted"

actual marching band music, but and "I Don't Love You," which were rather bland; of course you just need to look at the titles to realize that.

Despite the band's best efforts, the actual redeeming factor is the originality the band took, especially the boldness to make unconventional songs a big part of the album. Hopefully, as the band's career progresses, they might develop into a transcendental band. After all, they are already showing a higher growth than most of their contemporaries. Overall, the album has enough satisfactory qualities to be a great purchase to anyone, no matter what their musical preferences.

> My Chemical Romance 'The Black Parade'

Label: Reprise / Wea Released: Oct. 24, 2006

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VIDEO GAME REVIEW

Neverwinter Nights 2 shines brightly



Special Photo

Neverwinter Nights 2 features menacing villains and triumphant heros.

By Justin Burris Staff Writer

The King of Shadows, creatures from other dimensions and court politics await you in the world of Neverwinter Nights 2. This successor to the original Neverwinter Nights not only delivers a stronger story, but also holds the player responsible for what takes place in the game world. The things a character does in game has effects that ripple across the game world in ways players might not always anticipate. This concept is executed well, as was to be expected from the creators of Baldur's Gate 2 and Fallout 2, however there are some aspects of this game that cause it to fall short of being amazing.

The game tries to play off as being a race against time o stop an evil threat that has exist I for thousands

of years. While the characters in the game feel threatened, it plays at too much of a leisurely pace to truly feel like a race against time. That being said, the presentation of the story has been exquisite, with the NPCs having the most interaction with it that I've ever seen in a game.

Your decisions on events will impact how they feel about your character. This is tracked by something called influence, which would be even better if the player could easily view to see how they stand with their party members.

While the story and player involvement in this game is hands down the best I have seen in years, the game really dropped the ball when it comes to the technical side of things. The interface is a little hard to pick up at first with menu icons located in an odd position of the screen. The game is also quite laggy even on powerful machines, with many bugs throughout. Despite this, the Obsidian dev team is working hard to fix these bugs and already have a patch available. In addition to this, they will often post on the technical forums to resolve any problems players might experience.

A big favorite of the first game was the toolset that came with it that would allow players to virtually create their own campaigns and plot lines. This has been included and expanded in the second game and already modders are working hard to expand this already enjoyable experience.

Neverwinter Nights 2 works hard to surpass its predecessor in theme and plot progression and it pulls it off well. This game great for fans of the more story driven role-playing game and will appeal to anyone who enjoyed the first.

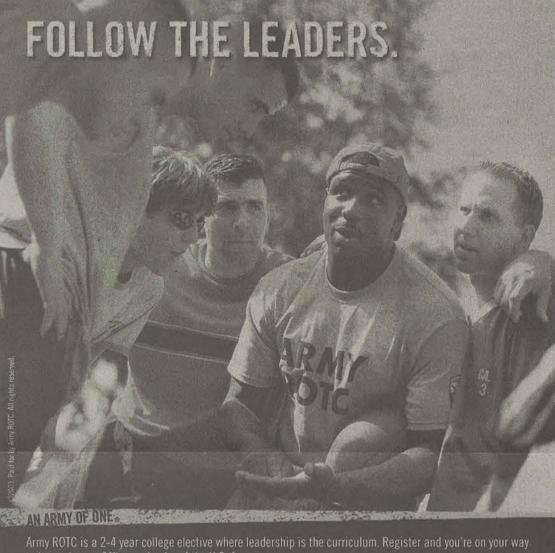
Neverwinter Nights 2

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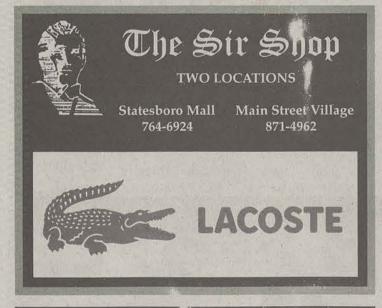
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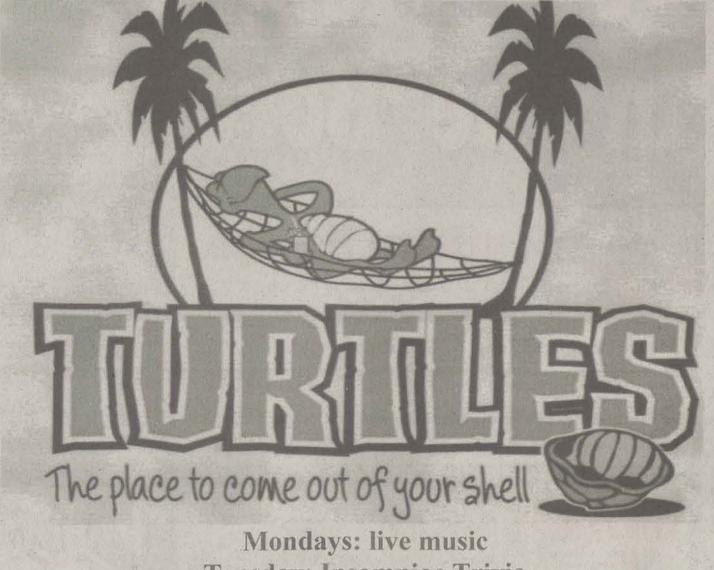
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Magnolia Springs Park turns 75

By Justin Burris Staff Writer

It was 1932 when the Civilian Conservation Corps, created by president FDR, began work in Georgia to create state parks and historic sites all across the state.

Now 75 years later the Georgia Department of Natural Resources celebrates their efforts and the parks across Georgia with the Magnolia Springs Heritage Festival.

The festival, held at Magnolia Springs Park, kicks off with a crosscountry run at 9 a.m. The run is an annual 5K race, and will last until 10:30 a.m.

The festivities don't really fire off until 11 a.m. when a meal brought by Ms.Seales will be provided at a cost of up to 7 dollars a plate. The plates will consist of meals prepared on a wood burning stove and will last until 2 p.m.

While eating lunch, participants will be able to observe Veterans Day, according to Connie Fitch, of Magnolia Springs, a special ceremony to commerate this event will be held. This ceremony includes raising the flag followed by an accompaniment of an airplane fly by.

According to the park's webpage, not only will observance be held to the veterans that helped to keep this country safe, but also, at noon, a film will be presented depicting the past of the parks and the involvement that the CCC had in their creation.

The film lasts an hour and will also focus on the future of Magnolia Springs. After the film a tree walk, which will identify various trees indigenous to the area, will be held at 1:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. There will also be a bird walk at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m, It is advised that participants bring their own binoculars so they can spot some of the birds along the path.

These nature walks will be accompanied by a civil war reenactment at 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., which, according to Fitch, will "depict the lives of Captain Vowles and his entourage". Vowles was a captain of a civil war camp, Camp Walton, in 1864.

While these events are going on, free hayrides will be given and throughout the festival. Also old radio shows will be played inside of a 1930's built house. The shows include the famous FDR fireside chats, Drag Net, Little Orphan Annie and various other programs from that era.

The festival wraps up with a musical performance presented by the Renegades from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., along with a fish fry for dinner. There will also be a guided lantern tour, led by a ranger, to the remains of Fort Lawton, which according to Fitch, "may turn into a ghost hunt." The site states that Fort Lawton is one of the best remaining examples of a civil war earthwork.

Entrance to the event is free, however a \$3 charge per vehicle will be required. In addition the first 300 children will receive free popcorn and cotton candy. The main office of the park will be the hub for most of the events. A listing of all events will be provided at the event, however, for more information contact Magnolia Springs at 478-982-1660.

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VIDEO GAME REVIEW

The Force is stronger with 'Lego Star Wars II'

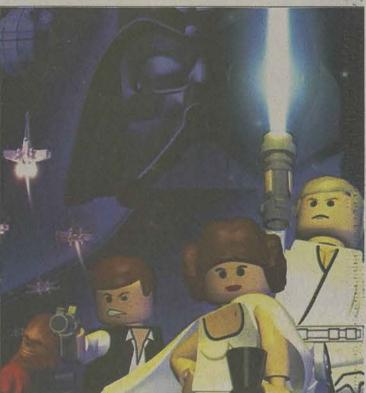
By Matt Gibson Staff writer

Star Wars games are always a big hit, and throwing in Legos makes it even better. Legos Star Wars II plays, sometimes loosely, through the story of the original Star Wars Trilogy. The game starts off with the player taking control of Princess Leia as she tries to send her distress message to Obi Wan Kenobi to warn the rebals of the impending doom from the Empire. Of course, as thrilling as this story may be on the big screen, it's down right hilarious in Lego form. Watching characters pop apart, like C-3PO does whenever he's hit, is more than enough to get a chuckle out of anyone playing.

The graphics in Lego Star Wars II are well done, it's almost like controlling actual Legos on screen. Of course, this is one of the few games where blocky graphics are perfectly ok. The cinematics are similar to the in game graphics, and usually mimic important scenes in the movies, usually with a hilarious twist.

The controls are easy to pick up, and the tasks that the Star Wars characters have to complete aren't that difficult. There are two basic types of characters, blaster characters like Han Solo and light saber characters like Obi Wan. Of the two, the light saber characters are the harder to get used to because after the first couple levels it's easy to get used to the auto targeting that the blaster characters have. After playing for a few minutes, however, and figuring out the moves the light saber characters are way more fun. For example, Obi Wan can use his Jedi mid tricks to wreak all kinds of blocky havoc like confusing Jawas or tossing C-3PO against the wall.

Lego Star Wars II also has tons of extra features. For example, players can mix and match Lego parts and create their own characters. As players progress through the game and finish levels they unlock the level for free play, which allows the player to use their custom character and wreck the stage as they see fit. Lego Star



Put down the blocks and pick up your controller because Legos go electronic again with Lego Star Wars II.

Wars II also has a multiplayer mode if any friends feel like helping take down the Empire.

All in all, Lego Star Wars II is great game, even for someone who doesn't know Boba Fett from Jaba the Hutt. Just being able to repeatedly blow up C-3PO is enough to keep someone playing. After a while it doesn't matter if it's the bad guys or your guys getting blown apart, it's still fun. By combining levels from the original trilogy and the added feature, Lego Star Wars II has hours of replayability.

'Lego Star Wars II'

Publisher: Lucas Arts Entertainment Released: 9/12/2006

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